

GENERAL NOTES

This report has two main objectives: (1) it draws together general and statistical information on the character and status of scientists and engineers employed by the Federal government, and (2) it presents detailed statistical tables on the characteristics of Federal scientific and engineering employees over the 1998-2002 period.

The tables provide detailed descriptive data of various characteristics of Federal scientists and engineers, including the agency of employment, primary work activity, educational attainment, age, salary, and geographic data. Finally, the report presents data on Federal scientists and engineers based on occupational definitions of the Scientists and Engineers Data System (SESTAT), the occupational classification system developed within the National Science Foundation's Division of Science Resources Statistics on the U.S. science and engineer-

ing workforce. The SESTAT system allows readers to compare occupational data collected from other NSF surveys of the U.S. science and engineering workforce. For further information on definitions of Federal scientists and engineers, refer to Section A, Technical Notes.

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